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Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:33 PM
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Subject: Support Bill 105

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Aloha Councilmembers,

I am in strong support of the proposed legislation and I am urging you to please support Bill 105 to establish policies related to the Department of Agriculture. I support the bill because we need the roles and responsibilities of the Department to be clearly defined in order for it to be successful and work for our community.

This legislation was created in collaboration with the community impact working group, who worked very hard to create a framework based on the needs of the community and the agricultural sector. Through outreach and various surveys these areas of need and reporting requirements were drafted and I support this legislation because it is what we need from the Department, to create a more sustainable and self-sufficient food system that befits residents, the economy and our delicate island ecosystems.

The points in this legislation had lots of community feedback before they were solidified and it will help guide the Department through different transitions in leadership that the Department will face over the course of the years. Additionally, it had complete support from the community coming out of committee which speaks volumes.

I thank you for all the support the Council has shown for the Department of Agriculture to date, and urge you all to continue that support and approve this bill.

Mahalo,

— Shay Chan Hodges

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
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Re: STRONG SUPPORT for Bill 105, TO ESTABLISH POLICIES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Mahalo,
Megan Nakashima
Pukalani Superette
Pukalani, HI



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Re: Support for Bill 105 (with removal of language of duplicative efforts)

Aloha Chair and Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on BILL 105 TO ESTABLISH POLICIES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

While the University of Hawaii CTAHR Maui supports the intent of this bill, we are concerned that there are some tasks included in the language of the bill that are duplicative of services already being provided by other organizations in the community. Specific to the University of Hawaii CTAHR' mission, it is already our charge to "develop" and "provide" education, programs, and training to farmers, ranchers, consumers and the community at large; so we suggest the following potential revisions in the bill language, that may be perceived as being duplicative or overlapping with work already being addressed by UH CTAHR in these areas:

1. Item E #2, **remove** the words "**developing and**"
2. Item E #3, change to: Providing "**available**" educational resources to ensure safety of farmers and their families. (**remove** the words "**and training**")
3. Item E #5, change to: "**Supporting organizations who are providing the agricultural sector**" with cultural-and language-sensitive materials and programs.
4. Item I #2, change to: "**Supporting organizations who are**" providing education to the agricultural...
5. Item J #2, **remove** the words "**Implementing and**"

Given the limited resources available for the Department of Agriculture, UH CTAHR respectfully suggests that the current broad scope of the bill might benefit from a greater focus on providing a strong framework to help commercial farmers and ranchers by assessing and then working on their currently stated needs and concerns. In addition, minimizing the data collection, recordkeeping, reporting and rulemaking at this early stage of the department's development, to only those items most critical to farmers and ranchers, may be most helpful at this time.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment and for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Reeves, PhD, MPH
Maui County Administrator, University of Hawaii, CTAHR Maui


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From: Randy Wagner <randy.wagner@gmail.com>
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Subject: Testimony in Support of Ma'alaea Watershed, Wetlands Bill, Affordable Housing Rules, 9/2/2022

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Thank you for your service, Councilors.

Please support the following!

[22-81] Affordable housing is a top priority to provide shelter and stability for our local residents. Bill 107 helps make affordable housing affordable for local families.

[22-87] Wetlands and ecosystems are essential to our watersheds and oceans and the flora and fauna that depends on them, Protecting wetlands with Bill 91, will also help control flooding and protect our reefs from harm. Protecting our watersheds should precede any development or planning.

[22-206] The Maalaea Watershed lands are vital to the health of the nearshore waters of Maalaea bay, Item 22-206, is necessary to prevent watershed degradation, and to protect the environment.

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From: David Dorn <daviddorn808@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:58 AM
To: County Clerk
Cc: Kelly King; Alice L. Lee; Keani N. Rawlins; Tamara A. Palaniyandi; Sugimura, Mike J. Molina; Tasha A. Kama; Shane M. Sinenci; Gabe Johnson
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COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI AGENDA Regular Meeting of September 2, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Email to: county.clerk@mauicounty.us

Subject: Testimony in Support of Ma'alaea Watershed, Wetlands Bill, Affordable Housing Rules, 9/2/2022

Dear Councilors, I support the following items,

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Mahalo,

David Dorn

SUPPORT:

1. 22-81 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE: Recommending FIRST READING of Bill 107, CD2 (2022), to establish 1) new methods for determining the sales price of an affordable dwelling unit; and 2) a program within the Home Acquisition and Ownership Programs Revolving Fund that subsidizes homebuyers when a developer does not receive direct County subsidies.

SUPPORT:

1. 22-87 CLIMATE ACTION. RESILIENCE. AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: Recommending the following: FIRST READING of Bill 91, CD1 (2022), relating to conserving and protecting sensitive ecosystems, the ecosystem functions and values, mitigating climate change, and working towards building environmental resilience by establishing requirements to map and protect wetlands, including those not adjacent to navigable waters; 1. and 2. FILING of communication.

SUPPORT:

1. 22-206 "AUTHORIZING PROCEEDINGS IN EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 257 ACRES AT MA'ALAEA MAUKA/POHAKEA WATERSHED. MAUI, HAWAII FOR PRESERVATION"

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From: carol lee kamekona <hynmahi@yahoo.com>
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Aloha kakahiaka iā ko kakou!

My name is Carol Lee Kamekona and I am not a paid lobbyist. I am providing written testimony in support of the following:

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Mahalo for allowing me to provide my mana'o in this venue. Have a beautifully blessed Maui day! Malama Pono!

KE AKUA PŪ! ❤️
Carol Lee Kamekona

Sent from my iPhone

September 2, 2022

Maui County Council
c/o county.clerk@mauicounty.us

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Re: Letter of Support For Resolution NO. 22-205 "SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY-BASED
SUBSISTENCE FISHING AREA DESIGNATION FOR KĪPAHULU MOKU."

Aloha Maui County Council,

The Nature Conservancy strongly supports Resolution NO. 22-205 "SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY-BASED SUBSISTENCE FISHING AREA DESIGNATION FOR KĪPAHULU MOKU."

The Conservancy has supported Kīpahulu 'Ohana, Inc. (KOI) efforts since 2010 both directly and through the Maui Nui Makai Network. Through their proposed Kīpahulu Moku Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA) with the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources, KOI is perpetuating Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, addressing climate change, and implementing resilience initiatives.

Under the leadership of KOI, the CBSFA application and draft management plan have been over 10 years in the making, engaging many stakeholders, amassing over 600 signatures of support from East Maui residents, reaching over 30,000 people locally and globally with information regarding their management efforts, and creating many different opportunities for community input along the way.

Kīpahulu moku is rich in history, culture, and resources, yet this special place is also under threat from various influences, including overharvesting and improper harvesting of marine resources. Local fishers have described abundant fishery resources present in Kīpahulu 30-40 years ago, noting that fish would "come up to smell your spear" and "pāpio would come when you snap under water." Since then, fishery abundance and biomass has been observed to decline, suggesting room for improved management - management that KOI has diligently sought with the support of the community and government agencies.

By passing this resolution for the Kīpahulu Moku CBSFA, you support a critical and timely effort to improve resource health and management in Kīpahulu, consistent with the State's Holomua: 30 x 30 Initiative to establish 30% of Hawai'i's coastal areas under effective management by the year 2030. Such a designation would be consistent and supportive of Executive Order 18-06 (relating to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) that seeks an increase in community management of marine resources and the protection of Hawai'i's cultural and natural heritage.

We urge the Maui County Council to pass this resolution and support KOI's administrative rule-making process with the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources in the coming months.

E ola ke kai, e ola kakou
As the ocean thrives, so do we



Emily Fielding
Maui Marine Program Director

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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2022 AT 9:00 AM VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

**Committee Report No. 22-85 (Bill No. 121 CD1 (2022)) Amending Section 3.48.450
and 3.48.455, Maui County Code, Relating to Real Property Tax Exemptions**

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and Members of the Council:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is in strong support of this bill. The proposed amendments to the County Code Section 3.48.450 and 3.48.455 will provide financial relief to beneficiaries that have a homestead lease within the County. Often, homestead lessees who are in arrears of property tax payment find themselves in that situation due to unfortunate traumatic events. Preventing a homestead lessee from claiming a home exemption, and creating a higher tax burden for the lessee, will make it even harder for the lessee to make payments on back taxes owed to the County and further put the homesteader in arrears. This bill will help to break this cycle and increase the likelihood that lessees will comply with a repayment plan to the County.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of our testimony.



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SUBJECT: **Letter Of Support For Resolution NO. 22-205 "SUPPORTING A
COMMUNITY-BASED SUBSISTENCE FISHING AREA DESIGNATION FOR
KĪPAHULU MOKU."**

Aloha Maui County Council members:

Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA) submits this letter in strong support of Resolution NO. 22-205 "SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY-BASED SUBSISTENCE FISHING AREA DESIGNATION FOR KĪPAHULU MOKU." The Kīpahulu Moku CBSFA has been 10 years in the making, and if all goes smoothly, with your additional support, it can begin the formal administrative rule making process with the State Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Aquatic Resources (DLNR-DAR) before the end of 2022.

Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo's (KUA) means grassroots growing through shared responsibility, our acronym KUA, means backbone. We work to empower grassroots rural and Native Hawaiian mālama 'āina groups to celebrate their places and pass on their traditions to better Hawai'i and achieve 'āina momona—an abundant, productive ecological system that supports community well-being. KUA employs a community-driven approach that currently supports a statewide network of 36 mālama 'āina community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together), 40 fishpond projects and practitioners called the Hui Mālama Loko I'a, and a growing group of over 60 Limu practitioners and supporters called the Limu Hui

As embodied in the language of the resolution itself, the Kīpahulu 'Ohana (KO) is a cherished community organization and their effort to establish a CBSFA, ground breaking for Maui, our state and national and global conservation. KO has a long history of leadership in Hawai'i and has continued to build its capacity to serve the best of its community values and customs in caring for their place from mauka to makai. KO is also a leader for our state and our network, being a founding member of KUA and the E Alu Pū network. Most recently they have supported place based and statewide citizen stewardship efforts through their participation and support of other communities in E Alu Pū's Lawai'a Pono Hui initiatives in similar rural and Native Hawaiian communities like Hā'ena (Kaua'i), Kīpahulu (Maui) and Mo'omomi (Moloka'i).

A primary function of KUA includes the support and development of an 'auwai, a stream of resources, tools, bridges, relationships, and networks that help to cultivate and take our communities' work to greater levels of collective impact. A core catalyst for the flow in this 'auwai includes the empowerment and support of community stewardship efforts that move our communities and government from passive usage and civic malaise to active governance and management through the revival of community values, customs and kuleana (concomitant rights and responsibility). The kind of work and aspirations this resolution supports.

Your support of the Kīpahulu CBSFA effort is also catalytic. There is no better time in U.S. history to invigorate a culture of democratic spirit than now. KO has an almost 3-decade history of achieving this through numerous community based mālama 'āina projects including



this special and system transforming CBSFA initiative. Across the world and in Hawai'i today there is growing understanding that indigenous and local communities, when empowered and supported, can provide some of the greatest solutions to the complex environmental issues of our times. These solutions include protection of biocultural resources but also the increased sense of grassroots empowerment, a deeper citizen conservation ethic, the support and protection of local and indigenous situated knowledge and traditional practices, the development of community-based conservation skills, community environmental resilience and greater civic environmental governance and stewardship. We are proud to support this resolution for these reasons among many others.

Please pass this resolution!

Pūpūkahi i holomua e ho'okanaka
(Let's unite to better the human condition)

Kevin K.J. Chang
Executive Director